

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 898

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kaylan Cole on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Kaylan Cole of Cocke County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, an alumna of AmeriCorps, Ms. Cole has been volunteering with the Tennessee Community Assistance Corporation for more than two years; most of her volunteer service remains in the Cocke County area, assisting the Newport Housing Authority (NHA), which houses over 12 percent of the city's population; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has made her impact evident from day one by coordinating and facilitating a number of programs for the elderly and the youth; she spearheaded a painting class for the elderly, led a back-to-school program that provided children with free school supplies, backpacks, clothes, shoes, and haircuts, and brought Christmas joy to NHA children for the holidays; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she has helped coordinate a new project titled "Color Your Dreams," a coloring contest for NHA children with a bedroom makeover as the winning prize; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cole is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Kaylan Cole for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.